

ABSTRACT

An apparatus and method for lining an underground conduit is disclosed.

The apparatus 10 comprises: an annular frame 40 having a crown portion 42

5 and a base portion 49; a strip guide disposed around and supported by the annular frame 40, the guide arranged to guide a strip 12 around a helical path;

a pair of strip pinch rollers mounted to the frame 40 at a position

circumferentially about halfway between the crown portion 42 and the base portion 49; a drive assembly mounted to the frame for driving the strip 12

10 downwards into the helical path in a winding direction so as to present an incoming first edge to an adjacent second edge of a wound convolution of the strip;

a liquid remover mounted to the frame, the liquid remover arranged to prevent liquid that has adhered to and ascended with the second edge from

descending down towards the incoming first edge; and an extruder 80

15 mounted to the frame 40 for extruding a molten bead of plastic onto the strip 12 at a position just before said overlap.